

Bere Ferrers Parish Council

At a meeting of the Bere Ferrers Parish Council held in Council Chambers, Bere Alston on Tuesday
25th September 2018

Present

Cllr. H. Boot-Handford	Chairman of Council
Cllr. D. M. A Chapman	Cllr. M. Page-Bailey
Cllr. P. Crozier	Cllr. H. Rogers
Cllr. B. Lamb	Cllr. G. R. Reed
Cllr. R. Leithall	Cllr. E. K. Wager
Cllr. R. Maycock	

1952. **Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Dennis and Cllr. Hanson due to holiday, Cllr. Pengelly due to illness.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. & Mrs. Norman who have won the Eon Wager Trophy this year for an outstanding Allotment. Cllr. Wager congratulated them and presented them with the trophy.

1953. **Chairman's Report.**

Since we last all met I have represented Council at 3 events and made a presentation to Hugh & Barbara Harrison on behalf of Council on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. I judged the scarecrow competition for the Open Gardens event although, sadly, there was only one entry and the Tavi Times chose not to include the picture or the report which was a shame for the Garden Club publicity. I also attended the opening of the Hub Club boat shed which was a joyful if somewhat damp affair with entertainment from the Tavy Tars and a chance to talk to local people and those who had come from the other side of the water. Wearing the chain of office had an unexpected benefit as I got talking to Kate from Calstock who is having a difficult time putting their neighbourhood plan together and was asking all kinds of questions which she would never have been able to pose had she not seen the chain and then told me that she had hers in the car but wasn't sure whether to wear it or not. Thankfully, Granville was present at the event and he was able to answer her questions far better than I could.

Just yesterday I almost attended the memorial to the New Zealand soldiers who died in WW!. This was at Bere Ferrers War Memorial. Unfortunately for me, the service started early, was very short and was finishing as I arrived at 10.58!!

1954. **Notification of items for information at the discretion of the Chairman. No action can be taken on these items.**

1. Cllr. Boot-Handford – there have been a lot of rumours going around about the defibrillator being used, or tampered with. Actually it was taken to the home of a parishioner who had been taken ill and the ambulance people told the family to get the defibrillator just in case they did not get there, luckily it was not needed and all ended well and the parishioner is now home and recovering.
2. Cllr. Boot-Handford – as everyone will know the Neighbourhood Plan is near completion with the Referendum on Thursday, then it will be a legal document. It has been suggested that the Chairman host a party for all members of the Neighbourhood Plan team. Cllr. Lamb said that since Cllr Benson died and he got involved it has been an immense task with many hours and days of work that the team has put in they are all to be congratulated. Cllr. Maycock seconded what Cllr Lamb has said. He said that he has chaired numerous meetings and has had the privilege to work with these people especially Granville Starkey. The work that has been achieved by these people is phenomenal.

3. Cllr. Wager –it is now 12 months since the milestone at Quarry on the Broad Park Road side was damaged. Can we contact County and find out what is happening with the repair; also the approach to the village is a disgrace it used to be kept tidy with the brambles being cut back. Clerk to contact County.

1955. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Plans meeting held on the 31st July and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

Cllr. Reed proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Lamb.

Matters Arising.

Minute 1911 - Cllr. Reed has had an email from Mr. & Mrs. N. Harrison thanking Council for all their support.

Cllr. Reed proposed adoption of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Maycock.

SO RESOLVED.

1956. To approve the minutes of Full Council held on 31st July as a true record and taken as read.

Cllr. Page- Bailey proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Hanson.

Matters Arising

Minute 1896. (1830) – The Clerk stated that the Workman has oiled the lock and cleared away the weeds from the sandbag area.

Minute 1901(1814) – The Clerk has the following email from Mr. Blamey.

I will chase up the price for posts ASAP. Give me till Wednesday as it is too close to weekend to get a reply. Haven't started boards as I wanted you to be happy with cost of posts and labour. apologise for being slow but very busy.

Minute 1899 (1860) Cllr. Lamb has spoken with Cllr. Sanders who is awaiting the application form.

Minute 1894 (1) Cllr Reed would like to thank everyone who helped to clean up the village and the support of the Community for the Open Gardens Day they raised £1,600 for St Luke's.

SO RESOLVED

1957. To approve the minutes of the Special Full Council held on the 28th August as a true record and taken as read.

Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Rogers.

SO RESOLVED.

1958. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Plans meeting held on the 4th September and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.

Cllr. Reed proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Crozier.

Matters Arising.

Minute 1915 The Clerk stated that the Bere Alston sign at Quarry looked much better, Cllr. Maycock reported that the sign is degrading and showing signs of wear and tear.

Minute 1913- 1950/18/HHO Mr. & Mrs. Atkins last four lines of this starting with Mr. & Mrs. I. Pigeon to be deleted, there is no connection with the actual planning application.

Cllr. Reed proposed adoption of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Crozier.

SO RESOLVED**1959. To approve and adopt the minutes of Open Spaces held on the 11th September and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.**

Cllr. Crozier proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Boot-Handford.

Matters Arising

Minute 1861 -Cllr. Maycock reported that the old goal posts are still in the hedge at the recreation field.
Clerk to contact Mr. Westlake and ask that they be removed.

Minute 1923- Regards the sink waste pipe not being connected into the drains, Mr. Westlake confirmed it was connected when the Building Regs Officer inspected the work, he will drop the certificate in when he is passing.

Minute 1921- In light of the applications going to Southern Links for defibrillators, perhaps the Youth football club should consider applying for a mobile defibrillator which will benefit more than one parish. They could then donate this if they get it towards the one for the recreation field. Cllr. Lamb thinks we should wait and see what happens at Southern Links.

Minute 1924- states that we shall be putting £200 in labour costs where we will actually be putting nearly £4,000 for labour costs and the £200 is our contribution towards the grant.

Minute- 1919 (1861) The Clerk asked Cllr. Lamb to inspect the work carried out at the entrance to the recreation field at The Down. Cllr. Lamb stated that this is an excellent job.

Cllr. Crozier proposed adoption of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Boot-Handford.

SO RESOLVED**1960. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes held on Tuesday 18th September and taken as read, to deal with matters arising.**

Cllr. Page-Bailey proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Leithall.

Matters Arising

Minute 1935 – Cllr. Boot-Handford stated that the financial statements were not quite up to date as yet.

Minute 1938 (4) – Cllr. Lamb questioned the statement that Cllr. Page – Bailey made about it being illegal for anyone putting cones on the highway, Cllr. Lamb has been asked to put cones out by the police. Cllr. Maycock said that in his opinion having done the Chapter 8 course we would be liable if we allowed our workman to do this.

Cllr. Wager said that he travels against the traffic and as long as he has his signs out it is OK.

Discussions took place about the impending hedge cutting, it was agreed not to ask the workman to clear up after the hedge trimming has been done. The Clerk to ask the contractor for sight of his public liability.

Minute 1940 – Cllr. Page-Bailey recommended that the workman be Chapter 8 trained. The Clerk has investigated this and it states Devon County will provide Chapter 8 Training for up to 3 members of an organization. We already have three members trained, Cllr. Maycock, Cllr. Page-Bailey and Terry Martin, also the workman would not be joining the Road Wardens.

Cllr. Lamb stated that there is a safety course on line which he could do; Clerk to ask if he would be interested.

Refer to Planning.

Minute 1939- The sub-committee would like to ask two other members to join as Cllr. Lamb has come off the sub-committee. Cllr. Pengelly would like to join and possibly Cllr. Hanson.

Cllr. Page-Bailey proposed adoption of the minutes, seconded by Cllr. Chapman.

SO RESOLVED

1961. Position of the “Tommy Statue”

Maria Hill is purchasing a Tommy silhouette figure to be placed in the village, she has been in contact with Cllr Page-Bailey asking where would be the best place to put it. Suggestions are outside the Parish Hall, in the mosaic garden or by the War Memorial; at this time it is believed it will be semi-permanent.

Discussions took place, Cllr. Wager proposed that the Mosaic Garden would be appropriate, all present were in favour.

1962. Internal Audit carried out by Cllr. Leithall

Cllr. Leithall reported that this is the first internal audit since the change-over to accounts package. He followed the salary cheques through to payment everything was in order. Code letter D.

1963. Report by Cllr. Lamb on West Devon Borough Council.

Cllr. Lamb-is trying to assist a couple in Drakes Park who are getting severe flooding.

West Devon are looking towards next April as we are half a million pounds down on budget. Some services may have to go.

1964. Correspondence.

1) The Clerk sought payment of the following accounts.

a) SLCC – Training course for Assistant Clerk CILCA	£250.00
b) Post Office Ltd – EDF Cemetery	£26.60

Cllr. Boot-Handford proposed payment, seconded by Cllr. Wager.

2. Royal Mail- We are wrtting to seek your help in raising awareness of scam mail in your local community. We would appreciate it if you would publicise the various ways to report Scam Mail in your Parish newsletter.

3. Devon County Highways. –Road Closure for drainage work.

Monday the 15th October to Thursday the 18th October, Lockeridge Road alternative signed route via Pounds Park Road, Station Road and vice versa.

4. West Devon Borough Council- Parish Council Election Guide.

I wanted to remind you all that we will soon be approaching the period of six months before the Borough, Town and Parish Council elections on the 2nd May 2019, when all councillors will retire and those wishing to re-stand will need to submit a nomination paper. This means that from the 3rd November 2018, if any councillor resigns there will be no opportunity for the electorate to request an election. However, you must still advertise the vacancy and a template notice to do this is attached (please continue to send me a copy if you publish any vacancy notices). The council may co-opt to fill a vacancy for six months but is not required to do so.

Ahead of next year’s elections, I will send you relevant information at the appropriate time, and will also be supplying you with nomination papers to hand out to any councillors who wish to re-stand or anyone else who is interested and approaches you directly.

With regard to the financing of the 2019 elections, if your council election is contested (ie. we receive more nominations than you have seats) it is very likely that costs will be shared between yourselves and the Borough Council, IF the Borough Council seat for your area is also

contested. From next year, we will also be recharging parishes a small administration fee for any uncontested elections to cover printing costs etc., dependent on how many candidates stand.

5. West Devon Borough Council – Devon and Cornwall Alert – Are you signed up.

West Devon Borough Council is urging residents to sign up to the free Devon and Cornwall Alert Service provided by Devon and Cornwall Police. The two way messaging system enables Devon and Cornwall Police to connect with their community, and tell people exactly what is happening in their local area, allowing them to respond directly with any information.

Registering for the alerts is a quick and simple online form, which can be found at <https://alerts.dc.police.uk/> Printable forms are also available which can be completed by hand and returned.

1965. **Questions from any member of the public present at the discretion of the Chairman.**

1. Cllr. Rogers- as you are all aware the floral garden at the entrance to the village is in memory of my Granddaughter, I have been looking at the 2017 Britain in Bloom contest heats. The competition requires participating villages or towns to improve not their whole town but just three dull areas. It crossed my mind that Holly's flowers at Quarry Corner is one spot brightened by the display of flowers, and it could if enough folk were interested, form the first of the three areas 'Britian in Bloom' would require to enter the competition Anyone interested lets get together to talk about it.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members and members of the public for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed this 30th day of October 2018.

Chairman.....